



NEWS FROM NOAA

NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION • US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Contact: Patrick Slattery
(816) 891-7734, Ext. 621

NOAA05-R299-13
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 4, 2005

NOAA'S NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SELECTS NEW LEADER OF MARQUETTE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE

NOAA's National Weather Service has named Robin J. Turner to head the Marquette Weather Forecast Office in Negaunee, Mich. Turner began his new duties as meteorologist-in-charge last month.

"A meteorologist-in-charge is the front line officer carrying out the National Weather Service's mission of serving the American public by helping protect lives and property," said Brig. Gen. David L. Johnson, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), director of NOAA's National Weather Service. "We are honored to have Robin Turner serving in this important role."

A veteran of more than 14 years with NOAA's National Weather Service, Turner has held a variety of forecast and management positions in Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota and Michigan. From beginnings as a meteorologist intern at the former Alliance, Neb., radar office, Turner worked his way through various positions with increasing responsibility to lead forecaster and warning coordination meteorologist.

"With four years of service at the Marquette forecast office, Robin Tuner has had a wealth of experience in meteorology that will continue to well serve the people of the Upper Peninsula," said Gary L. Foltz, acting director, National Weather Service Central Region in Kansas City, Mo. "I know Robin's experience and leadership will be assets to the staff and the community. He will continue to promote the excellent coordination with local governments and the business community, as well as supporting public outreach that has been a strong point of the Marquette forecast office."

After two years as a teacher in Nebraska, Turner returned to college for a career change and earned a bachelor's degree in atmospheric science from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., in 1990. He began his National Weather Service career as a meteorological intern at the Alliance, Neb., office in November 1990.

After a transfer to the Wichita, Kan., office in early 1992, he was selected to be a journeyman forecaster at the office in Goodland, Kan., in 1993 and was promoted to lead forecaster at Goodland in 1995. In December 1998, Turner transferred to the Eastern North Dakota forecast office in Grand Forks. He was selected as the warning coordination meteorologist at the Marquette office in 2001 and held that position until his recent selection as meteorologist-in-charge.

- more -

"I really enjoyed my years as warning coordination meteorologist at Marquette and am honored to be selected as the new meteorologist-in-charge," Turner said. "I helped build strong relationships with emergency managers and media in the Upper Peninsula and, with the help of a very able and experienced forecast team, we'll strive to make those relationships even stronger. We'll continue to provide the best forecast and warning services possible for people in the Upper Peninsula and will continue to pursue ways to improve services to that entire community."

NOAA's National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories. NOAA's National Weather Service operates the most advanced weather and flood warning and forecast system in the world, helping to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather- and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners and nearly 60 countries to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes.

On the Web:

NOAA: <http://www.noaa.gov>

NOAA's National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

National Weather Service in Marquette, Mich.: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mqt>